

The cause at Pittsburg is still prospering. One applicant for baptism Saturday evening. So says Bro. D. J. Bole.

Many who say to God, "Not my will, but thine," show by their conduct that they mean, "My will, not thine, be done."

According to Dunn's Review, Commercial Disasters and depression of industries are the worst for fifty years.

Bro. C. Rowland, of Lanark, Ill., sends a list of sixteen names for the King's Children paper. Go thou and do likewise.

D. L. Miller is delivering lectures on "Bible Lands" at different ministerial conventions. He has already been at McPherson, Ka., Nappanee, Ind., and goes to Huntingdon and New Enterprise, Pa.

We promised you an article on "Conference plans and work—retrospective and prospective" for this issue, but we found so much retrospective that we could not digest it in time for this issue.

Caution. Do not send silver to us. Even if you register the letter it is not safe. The silver wears through the envelope and is lost in transit. The best way is to get an express order or bank draft.

Bro. Isaac Leedy, 18th instant says: "Sickness prevented the attendance of both myself and wife at our communion 16th inst. All felt sadly disappointed in consequence of your absence. My health is improving and I shall venture to go up to the house of the Lord today."

Bro. J. Allen Miller promises to send his Church History Outlines very soon. We hope Brethren Christner, McFaden and Talley may also be able to send in their contributions. You remember how we chided at our Institute last August those who did not perform their part of the program. We hope you are not going to stand in their shoes next August.

The Post Office authorities now request all letter writers to have their name on the outside of the envelope so the letter can be returned to the writer without sending it to the Dead Letter Office. We would call attention of our readers to the fact that we can furnish very good envelopes with name and address printed thereon at \$.75 for 100. 200 for \$1.00. 500 for \$1.50 1000 for \$2.50.

Nearly all the churches of Ashland have held successful revival meetings here this winter. The Reformed had accessions; Presbyterians, 42; Methodists, 80; and the meetings going on; United Brethren, 60; and the meetings are still continued with unabated interest; Disciples, 21; and meetings to close to night. From this it will be seen that Ashland is by no means an irreligious town.

The Christian religion is not a convenience. If you read the scriptures, attend public worship, pray or contribute of your means *just when it is convenient you lack one thing of being a Christian.*

C. G. Lint says in last *Gospel Messenger*: "The railroad arrangements over the B. and O. system have all been made. Rate: one half fare; stops, one each way, good for thirty days."

AGITATION and education go hand in hand. The more you agitate the better you educate. Both are important factors in the Brethren movement. Let us not fail to use them persistently and thoroughly. Compel the people to think. Success can come only in this way.

One thing we should remember in the stand we have taken for a "Gospel Alone" church, is that progressive movements *always* begin with *one*, an individual, are then nursed by a minority; but finally if it be truth it will ultimately be taken up by formidable majorities. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again."

We had thought to say nothing more about Master Homer, in these columns, but so many inquiries are coming, and so many express a desire to know how he is getting that we shall respond. The doctor here measured the tumor last Monday and found it 4x5 inches on the surface. Its depth cannot be measured. It causes nausea and pain from five o'clock to nine every evening. Sometimes this extends to one o'clock at night. Aside from this his appetite and general health is good.

There is considerable complaint about the paper not reaching its destination. Upon receipt of such notices we *always* look the matter up, but in fully nine cases out of ten we find the name or names all correct on our list, and that the fault can not be in this office. It should be remembered that during the months of December, January and February mails are much heavier than at other seasons, and a great many more mistakes occur in the transportation of the mail than at other seasons. We know it does not set well on any of us to pay for a thing and then not get it; but we should not censure and reprove an innocent party for it.

Of 532,054 Episcopalians less than 50,000 take a church paper, not one in ten. Of 150,000 Cumberland Presbyterians less than 15,000 take a church paper. In the Reformed church of a membership of 217,000 not more than 16,000—only one to every nineteen members—take a church paper. In the German Baptist Brethren church of 65,000, about 14,000—take the church paper—about one copy to every five members. In the Brethren church with a membership of 10,000 about one in four took the paper last year. Compared with others this is not after all a bad showing for us.

THE HARD TIMES through which we are passing carry with them some compensation. They are not an unmixed evil. We learned from them that we can very well do without many things upon which we were coming to look as necessities. Our wants were increasing at a much faster rate than the conditions of society will admit of supplying them, for any great length of time. The evil effect fell with special weight upon the young, and the inexperienced, whether young or old. Happily for us, we are learning that many of our supposed wants were imaginary. There is a lesson of Providence in this which the wise will take to heart.

"It seems but a short time ago that we were all startled to hear that wood could be made into paper. It is now done to such an extent that we now have great difficulty in disposing of our rags, and the ragman with his jingling bells is no longer a daily visitor through our streets. But a still more astonishing industry is about to engage men's attention. The humble, and too often the despised, sunflower is to be cultivated, for it has been discovered that it can be made into paper superior to straw-paper. Recently a daily paper in Kansas was printed on paper made of sunflower stalks. When we drive through the country now we may expect to see great fields of sunflowers, not merely a clump here and there. It may be that this discovery will in time save our forests for the paper may be improved in quality."

"MUCH OF THE hardship which men have to endure results from false estimates. The miscalculation is made when things go well, or, rather, when they go more than ordinarily well. It is so easy, then, to assume that existing conditions will continue, and to shapen one's course accordingly. But these matters, in so far as society is concerned, seem to run in cycles, and the place of beginning is reached again. The inevitable crash comes: with it misfortune, disenchantment. Sad enough; in many cases very sad. It is, however, one of the uses of adversity that it brings men again to the right point of view, and enables them to look about them with their natural eyes, and not through an artificial magnifier. Great gain in this; though a lesson unwillingly learned, an experience not desired, by most people. Our present hard times are full of instruction in this respect. To the religiously disposed mind there comes also another lesson of consequence much more far-reaching still. It brings home to the soul the contrast between things changing and things abiding, between things temporal and things eternal. Wise is that person who learns to estimate them as they really are."